DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DISTRICT 8 (MS 9) 175 CLUSTER STREET SAN BERNARDINO, CA. 92408



August 15, 2008

Dear Chain Installer Permit Applicant:

In reference to your request to be included in the 2008/2009 Chain Installer Permit program, please indicate on the attached form your first, second, and third chain installation route preferences. This form must be received by the Caltrans Office @ 175 Cluster St. San Bernardino, CA. 92408 no later than 9/19/2008. A lottery will be conducted for all positions on Route 330, and other routes, if required. If there are more applicants for a designated route than there are positions available, remaining applicants will be assigned to available second or third preference selections during the lottery process. Trading or swapping of routes between applicants will not be allowed.

Permittee's will be allowed to work only one of four designated areas, as follows:

- Route 18, from San Bernardino to Snow Valley (20 permit positions).
- Route 330, from Junction 30 to Junction 18, (may work to Snow Valley on Route 18 with the approval of the Maintenance Supervisor (35 permit positions)).
- ♦ Route 38, from Bryant Street to Onyx Summit (20 permit positions).
- ◆ Route 138, from Junction 2 to Junction 15 **AND** Route 2, San Bernardino County only (5 permits, good on both routes).

NO CHAINING WILL BE ALLOWED ON ROUTE 15. All 2008/2009 chain permits will be valid for use on the back entrance to Big Bear (Route 18 - Cushenberry Grade).

2008/2009 Caltrans Chain Installer Regulations require permit revocation when a citation is issued by the California Highway Patrol (CHP).

TESTING IS REQUIRED FOR ALL CHAIN INSTALLER APPLICANTS. If you tested last year you are required to test this year

Before you can be issued a chain installer permit, you must successfully pass a written and performance test. The Caltrans Maintenance Department will conduct this years chain installer tests on **October 18th, 2008 at 0900 at the Dry Creek Maintenance Station (32821 State Route 18, Running Springs)**. Please bring <u>any and all equipment</u> that you will be using to install chains to assist you in completing the performance portion of the chain installer's test.. The Gates Will Be CLOSED PROMPLY AT 0900 AM.

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After passing the above mentioned tests, you will be required to attend the chain installer orientation session/chain installer lottery on Saturday November 15, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at the Dry Creek Maintenance Station (32821 State Route 18, Running Springs). All chain installer permits will be issued at the orientation session on November 15th, 2008. Applicants who do not attend this orientation session will not be eligible for a permit during the 2008/2009 season.

In order to receive your permit, identification bib and photo identification badge we will need to see your valid California driver's license. You will also need to provide your social security number and pay the required permit fee of \$195.00 payable to Caltrans, by cashier's check, personal check, or money order. An automatic one-year suspension will be enforced should any check be dishonored for any reason.

If you have any questions, please contact the Caltrans Office at (909) 867-2102 or (909) 867-5315. Should your call be answered by our voice mail please leave your name, telephone number and the best time to contact you. (RETAIN THIS LETTER FOR YOUR RECORDS)

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